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Concerning examination
for position of Domestic
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., May 20, 1902.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

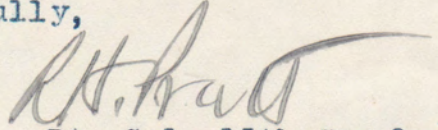
Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Referring to your letter of May 19th marked "Education" in reference to a domestic science teacher at this school, I have to respectfully advise you that Miss Ferree, the present incumbent, received from the Civil Service Commission the necessary blanks to take an informal or non-competitive examination as matron. Now, the duties of a matron and a domestic science teacher are not at all similar. They have very little in common with each other, and I trust there will be a special examination held for the position of Domestic Science Teacher, not with special reference to holding Miss Ferree, but with the purpose of getting a competent teacher of domestic science as it is now understood in the schools. Within two or three days I have had an application from a very competent teacher of that sort with whom I corresponded some years ago and whom I had seriously thought of employing, but concluded not to undertake the extra expense, the school appropriation and conditions, ^{at that time} not seeming to me to warrant it. Having grown so much, the position seems now a necessity. Why it should be set aside and so lightly thought of by the Civil Service Commission as to think almost anything else will do is an assumption on the part of this supreme employe-finding body which we who are responsible for the work to be done cannot help feeling an-

noyed about.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.H. Hart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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